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For further information, please visit our web site → <http://www.sbcounty.gov/dcs>

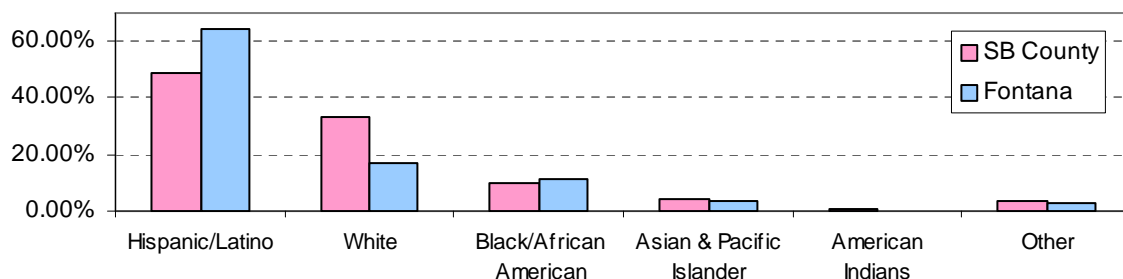
San Bernardino County Total Area\*: 20105.3 square miles (The Largest County in California)  
(Land Area: 20052.5 square miles, Water Area: 52.8 square miles)



	SB County		Fontana	
Total Population	1,709,434		128,929	
Under 18 Years	552,047		48,794	
<i>Ethnicity</i>				
Hispanic/Latino	269,462	48.80%	31,515	64.59%
White	183,512	33.20%	8,427	17.27%
Black/African American	54,800	9.90%	5,581	11.44%
Asian & Pacific Islander	21,758	3.90%	1,677	3.44%
American Indians	2,750	0.50%	131	0.27%
Other	19,765	3.60%	1,463	3.00%

(% of Ethnicity Comparison)

San Bernardino County  
Brief Overview &  
Population Comparison  
with Fontana



## Referral Information for Fontana (2006)

### Referral Rate and Foster Care Entry Rate

	Referral Rate	Foster Care Entry Rate
Fontana	66.14 per 1,000 Children	1.58 per 1,000 Children
San Bernardino County	68.9 per 1,000 Children	4.0 per 1,000 Children

- In 2006, 6.6% (66.14 :1,000) children less than 18 year old had child abuse/neglect referrals, and 0.15% (1.58 :1,000) children were removed from their family in Fontana.
- Comparing with San Bernardino County as a whole, Fontana has lower referral rate and foster care entry rates.

## Frequently Asked Questions about Children in Welfare System

### How many child abuse/neglect incidents were reported?

Reports of Child Abuse or Neglect (2006)	Number of Families (Total = 2,385)	Number of Children (Total = 3,227)
Of all referrals received, 64.57% resulted in a CPS investigation:	1,540	2,499
Of all referrals received, 9.48% were found to be true:	226	360
Of all referrals received, 3.23% resulted in an open case:	77	135
Of all referrals received, 1.72% resulted in a child removal:	41	77

### What types of allegations were investigated?

County of San Bernardino investigated 2,958 child abuse reports in Fontana in 2006 for 2,499 children.

The following table represents types of allegations investigated. Neglect accounted for the highest proportion of allegations. \*One child can have more than one allegation.

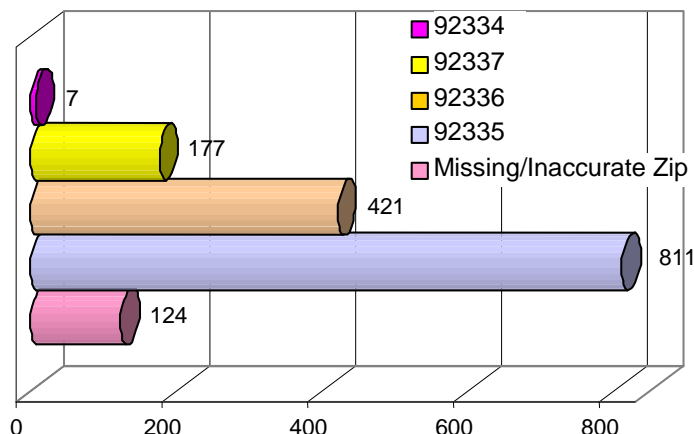
Type of Allegation	Children	%
General Neglect	1,058	35.77%
Physical Abuse	657	22.21%
At Risk, Sibling Abused	409	13.83%
Sexual Abuse	244	8.25%
Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	162	5.48%
Emotional Abuse	172	5.81%
Undetermined (Jan07)	153	5.17%
Severe Neglect	100	3.38%
Substantial Risk	3	0.10%
<b>Total Allegations</b>	<b>2,958</b>	



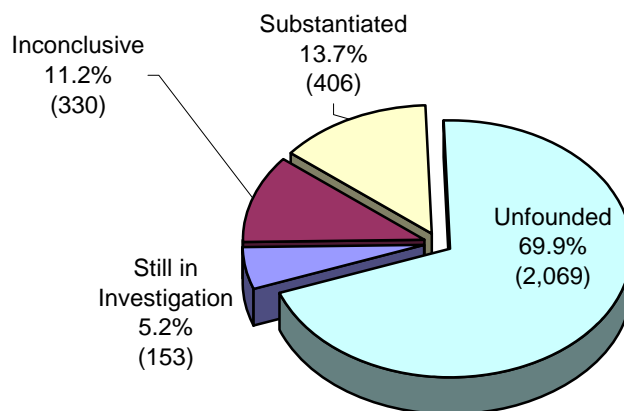
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**2** **Allegations investigated in your city in 2006?**  
1,540 families were involved in investigations.



**How the investigations were concluded?**  
2,958 allegations were investigated.

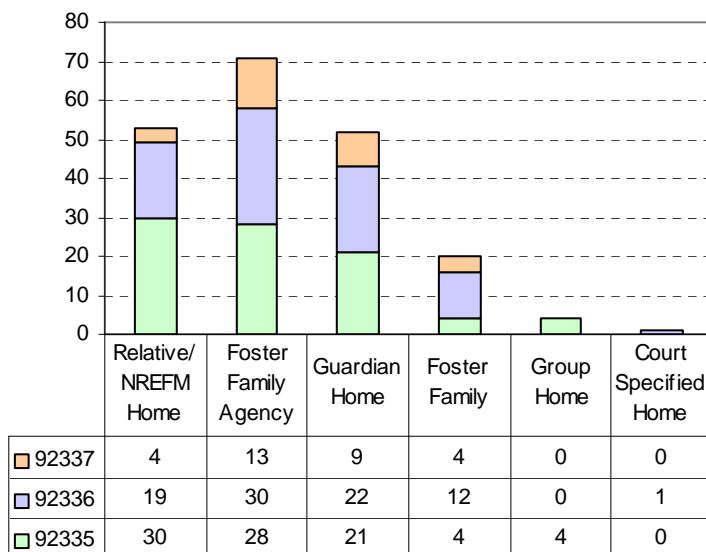


**4** **Where were children placed after they were removed in 2006?**

77 children were placed in the out-of-home care residences. The following table indicates; the types of placement homes where they spent the longest time since their removal in 2006.

Predominate Placement	Children
FFA Certified Home	25
Foster Family Home	3
Group Home	7
Relative/NREFM Home	41
Nursing Home/Subacute Care	1
Total	77

**How many placement resources were in Fontana?**



**2 4** **Is there disproportionality in the referral rate child removal rate in child welfare?**

Disproportionality exists in child welfare when any ethnic group has a higher rate or proportion of referrals, removals or in care numbers than the total population. In Fontana, Black/African American children have higher rates of investigated referrals and Hispanic/Latino children have higher rates of removals compared to other ethnicities and the total population.

	2000 Census Population Under 18	# of Children with an Investigated Referral	Investigated Referral Rate per 1,000	# of Removed Children in 2006	Removal Rate per 1,000
Hispanic/Latino	31,515	1,543	48.96	55	1.75
White	8,427	462	54.82	16	1.90
Black/African American	5,581	347	62.18	6	1.08
Asian & Pacific Islander	1,677	32	19.08		
Other	1,463	0	0.00		
American Indian	131	3	22.90		
Unknown	0	112			
Total	48,794	2,499	51.22	77	1.58

**Foster Care Removal and Placement Outcomes for Children in Fontana (2006)**

Of the 77 children removed from their families in 2006:

- 29 children have been reunified to date, and 48 children are still in care.
- Of the 48 children who are currently in care:
  - 19 children were placed with non-relatives.
    - 1 child was placed in a foster facility in Fontana and 18 children were placed in other communities.
  - 29 children were placed with relatives.
    - 14 children were placed with relatives in Fontana and 15 children with relatives in other cities.